

# Now to the Lord a noble song

BRIDGENORTH.

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Con Spirito



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See where it shines in Je - sus' face, The bright - est i - mage of his grace;  
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## Now to the Lord a noble song - Bridgenorth (A. Jenkins)

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claim, and all his bound - less love pro - claim.  
done, hath all his might - iest works out - done.  
star, shine forth in ev - 'ry roll - ing star.  
skies, out - shines the won - ders of the skies.

love pro - claim, and all his bound - less love pro - claim.  
works out - done, hath all his might - iest works out - done.  
roll - ing star, shine forth in ev - 'ry roll - ing star.  
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Grace! 'tis a sweet, a charming theme;  
My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name!  
Ye angels dwell upon the sound;  
Ye heav'ns reflect it to the ground!

Oh, may I live to reach the place  
Where he unveils his lovely face!  
Where all his beauties you behold,  
And sing his name to harps of gold!

This hymn tune is the only item in W. J. White's collection *The Sacred Herald* attributed to A. Jenkins.

The text given here, of which the first verse is underlaid in *The Sacred Herald*, is Hymn 47 from Book 2 of Isaac Watts' *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*: verses after the first have been added editorially. 'Shine forth' has been used at the start of the fourth line in verse 3, rather than the more usual 'Sparkle', as being better suited to the music.

The alternative text suggested in *The Sacred Herald*, Ps. 97 New Version, is 'Jehovah reigns, let all the earth'.

The order of staves in the original is Tenor - Alto - Soprano - Bass, with the alto and tenor parts given in the treble clef an octave above sounding pitch. The Soprano and Bass staves are bracketed together and a keyboard accompaniment is indicated between these parts with small notes: this keyboard accompaniment has been omitted from the present edition.